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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 6,603,078 to OKUHARA et al., which issued on August 5, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 6,495,767 to OKUHARA et al., which issued on December 17,
2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,058,562 to SATOU et al., which issued on May 9, 2000; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-32855, which was published on
January 31, 2003, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

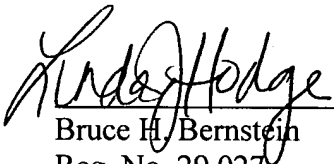
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed
herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to
contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

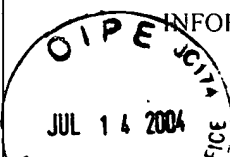
Applicant notes that a Notice of Allowance has issued in the present application. However, Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of filing of the application, and thus consideration of the above-noted documents is ensured pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b)(1).

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6 6 0 3 0 7 8	08/05/03	OKUHARA et al.			
		6 4 9 5 7 6 7	12/17/02	OKUHARA et al.			
		6 0 5 8 5 6 2	05/09/00	SATOU et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	2003	- 0 3 2 8 5 5	01/31/03	JAPAN			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		1	English Language Abstract of JP 2003-032855.

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